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1. APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S CONCERN ABOUT RESCHEDULING AGATT VISIT. HOWEVER IT HAS BEEN STANDARD PROCEDURE FOR SENIOR REP FAS TO PARTICIPATE IN INITIAL CALL OF NEWLY ACCREDITED ATTACHE, E.G. IN BUDAPEST, PRAGUE, BUCHAREST, PEKING. SUCH PARTICIPATION STRENGTHENS COOPERATION WITH BULGARIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON IN PROMOTING AGATT ACTIVITIES IN BULGARIA, AND BULGARIAN AG COUNSELOR ENCOURAGES PRESENCE OF SENIOR USDA REP DURING INITIAL CALL.

2. DEPARTMENT OF STATE ENDORSES USDA WASHINGTON PARTICIPATION IN RESCHEDULED VISIT OCTOBER 6-8 AND HOPES BULGARIAN MIN AGRICULTURE WILL ACCEPT POSTPONEMENT WITH GOOD GRACE AND WILL APPRECIATE ADVANTAGES OF HORBALY JOINING AGATT. ROBINSON

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